REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-5, 7-19, 21 and 22. Claims 12 and 13 are allowed. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 14-19, 21 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment should be entered, notwithstanding the final rejection of the claims in this case, as it will put the claims in order for allowance.

Claims 1, 5-7, 9-11, 15 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Jess (U.S. Patent 4,155,362) in view of Dockum et al. (U.S. Patent 4,014,318), while claims 8, 15-20 and 22 were rejected over Jess and Dockum and further in view of one or more of Upton (U.S. Patent 6,450,773), Brown (U.S. Patent 4,741,736), Franetzki et al. (U.S. Patent 4,270,532) and Haber et al. (U.S. Patent 5,257,978). While disagreeing with the grounds of rejection, Applicant has canceled these claims in order to expedite issuance of a patent on the allowed claims. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims, as well as additional subject matter disclosed in the specification, in a continuing application.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented above to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, all of the claims in this application are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to this effect is requested.

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